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LORD PRIVY SEAL VISITS NEW TOWN
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THE LORD PRIVY SEAL, MR HUMPHREY ATKINS AND MRS ATKINS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, VISITED THE NEW TERRITORIES TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE VISIT STARTED WITH A HELICOPTER TOUR OVER LAMMA ISLAND, KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT, TSING YI ISLAND, TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN, THE PROPOSED AIRPORT SITE AT CHEK LAP KOK, TAP SHEK KOK POWER STATION AND TUEN MUN.

GREETING THE LORD PRIVY SEAL AND THE GOVERNOR WHEN THEY LANDED AT TUEN MUN WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM, AND THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR T.S. NG, WHO GAVE A DETAILED BRIEFING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN FROM THE ROOF OF A MULTI-STORY BUILDING.

AFTER TUEN MUN, MR ATKINS AND SIR MURRAY HAD ANOTHER HELICOPTER TOUR ALONG THE BORDER AREA, LANDING AT MAN KAM TO FOR A BRIEFING BY THE ARMY.

THEY LATER FLEW TO ISLAND HOUSE FOR LUNCH WITH THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES AND MRS AKERS-JONES, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THEY VISITED WO CHE ESTATE, SHA TIN, WHERE THEY WERE MET BY STAFF OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX.

THE LORD PRIVY SEAL AND MRS ATKINS ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 3). THEY LEFT FOR CHINA ON MONDAY, RETURNING TO HONG KONG YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT.

THEY LEAVE FOR SEOUL TOMORROW.

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HONG KONG REPRESENTED AT SINGAPORE AIRPORT PLANNING SYMPOSIUM
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HONG KONG WILL TAKE PART IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON AIRPORT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT TO BE HELD IN SINGAPORE FROM JANUARY 11 TO 13.

REPRESENTING HONG KONG AT THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE MR G.T. OLIVER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, TECHNICAL AND PLANNING, AND MR J.R. ADDERLEY, CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER (REPLACEMENT AIRPORT) OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SYMPOSIUM IS TO PROVIDE AN INSIGHT INTO THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE RECENTLY OPENED INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT CHANGI, SINGAPORE.

THE DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN MUCH IN COMMON WITH THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT AIRPORT FOR HONG KONG AT NORTH LANTAU WHICH WILL INVOLVE THE EXCAVATION OF CHEK LAP KOK ISLAND AND THE RECLAMATION OF ADJACENT WATERS.

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IMPORTANCE OF TRADE FACILITATION STRESSED

THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT TRADE FACILITATION HAD BECOME AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF ANY CUSTOMS SERVICE, BUT NOWHERE WAS IT MORE IMPORTANT THAN IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT A PASSING OUT PARADE OF 134 CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT THE SERVICE'S TRAINING SCHOOL IN TAI LAM CHUNG, MR JORDAN CALLED ON THE OFFICERS TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO ASSIST LEGITIMATE TRADE WITH VARIOUS CUSTOMS PROCEDURES - AND TO PROTECT THEM BY DEALING EFFECTIVELY WITH THE FEW DISHONEST TRADERS WHO WOULD COMPETE UNFAIRLY WITH THE GREAT MAJORITY OF HONEST HONG KONG BUSINESSMEN.

SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG IN 1977 TO REORGANISE THE SERVICE, MR JORDAN PROMISED OFFICERS AT A PASSING OUT PARADE A NEW, REORGANISED AND MODERNISED CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IN WHICH THEY WOULD HAVE A MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY.

+TODAY THE PROMISE HAS BEEN KEPT, AND YOU ARE PASSING OUT TO TAKE YOUR PLACES IN SUCH A MODERNISED SERVICE,+ HE TOLD THE PROBATIONARY OFFICERS.

+THE SPECIAL ROLE FOR ALL TO PLAY IS STILL THERE. THE SERVICE NOW IS REORGANISED IN ITS STRUCTURE. BUT WE ALL HAVE SO MUCH YET TO DO TO ENSURE IT WORKS WELL IN ITS NEW FORM. FOR SOME OF US THIS MEANS REVIEWING THE DETAIL OF THE NEW ORGANISATION, REFINING OUR PROCEDURES, AND MAKING ADJUSTMENTS FOUND NECESSARY AS THE NEWLY REORGANISED SERVICE SETTLES DOWN IN ITS MODERNISED FORM.

+FOR OTHERS - AND THIS INCLUDES YOU AS FRESHLY RECRUITED OFFICERS - THE TASK IS TO WORK ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND EFFICIENTLY, UNDERSTAND CLEARLY WHY EACH OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES MUST BE PERFORMED IN THE WAY REQUIRED OF YOU, AND GENERALLY MAKE YOUR MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION TO THE MORE DEMANDING WORK OF THE NEW SERVICE.

+IN SOME WAYS THE SERVICE AT THE MOMENT IS LIKE A BRAND NEW CAR,+ SAID MR JORDAN. +IT FULFILLS ITS FUNCTION WELL, BUT STILL NEEDS TUNING AND ADJUSTMENT AS IT DEVELOPS ITS MILEAGE. IT ALSO NEEDS CAREFUL DRIVING AND HANDLING WITH UNDERSTANDING.

+SENIOR OFFICERS, INCLUDING MYSELF, ARE THE MECHANICS WHO WITH OUR EXPERIENCE MUST ADJUST AND TUNE. IT IS YOU WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE FIELD, MANY OF WHOM PASSED THROUGH THIS SCHOOL ONLY SHORTLY BEFORE YOURSELVES, WHO ARE THE DRIVERS. IT IS YOU WHO WILL HANDLE THE NEW MACHINE CAREFULLY AS YOU DRIVE IT ON ITS WAY, AND LIKE ALL NEW CAR OWNERS YOU WILL TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THE MACHINE FOR WHICH YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE.+

MR JORDAN TOLD THE PASSING OUT OFFICERS THAT IN THE LAST FEW YEARS THE SERVICE HAS GREATLY ENHANCED ITS POSITION AMONGST THE SOPHISTICATED CUSTOMS SERVICES OF THE WORLD.

+I HAVE DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH SERVICES IN SOME THIRTY COUNTRIES. I KNOW THEIR DIRECTORS, COMMISSIONERS AND SENIOR OFFICERS AS WELL AS THEIR ORGANISATIONS AND PROCEDURES. IN CONSEQUENCE I KNOW BY MY OWN OBSERVATION HOW HIGH OUR SERVICE STANDS IN ITS EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS COMPARED WITH MANY OF THOSE IN OTHER PLACES. I ALSO KNOW FROM MY CUSTOMS FRIENDS OF MANY NATIONALITIES OF THE HIGH OPINION IN WHICH WE ARE HELD OVERSEAS - SO MUCH SO THAT MANY OTHER SERVICES SEND THEIR OFFICERS HERE TO LEARN OUR TECHNIQUES AND STUDY OUR ORGANISATION.+

REFERRING TO THE SERVICE'S ROLE IN REVENUE PROTECTION, MR JORDAN SAID: +IN THIS DAY AND AGE A SOPHISTICATED EFFICIENT CUSTOMS SERVICE HAS A MUCH WIDER ROLE THAN REVENUE COLLECTION, WHEREVER IT MAY OPERATE.

+IN FACT, DUTY COLLECTION APART, WE OPERATE IN RELATION TO NO LESS THAN TWENTY DIFFERENT ORDINANCES. MANY OF THESE CONCERN OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE WELL-BEING OF OUR OWN PEOPLE IN HONG KONG- OTHERS CONCERN OUR COMMITMENT TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. WE FULFIL OUR RESPONSIBILITIES CONSCIENTIOUSLY AND THOROUGHLY EFFECTIVELY.

+OUR REPUTATION INTERNATIONALLY IS OUTSTANDING IN ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK. OUR EFFORTS TO COUNTER COUNTERFEITING, COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT AND OTHER TRADE MALPRACTICES ARE HELD AS EXAMPLES TO OTHER SERVICES. OUR DAY-TO-DAY TECHNIQUES, WHETHER APPLIED TO SHIPPING, AIR TRAFFIC, OR CONTROL OF THOSE TRADERS WHOSE GOODS ATTRACT THE FEW DUTIES LEVIED IN HONG KONG, ARE RECOGNISED AS BOTH EFFICIENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT HINDERING THE TRADE OF OUR TERRITORY,+
MR JORDAN CONCLUDED.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TUNG CHAU STREET

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A SECTION OF TUNG CHAU STREET NORTH OF KIU KIANG STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 11) TO FEBRUARY 8 TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN NT AND KOWLOON
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GOODS VEHICLES OVER 12 TONS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING CLEARWATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN ITS TWO JUNCTIONS WITH NEW CLEARWATER BAY ROAD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES STARTING FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 11).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ALL GOODS VEHICLES WILL ALSO BE BANNED FROM ENTERING THIS STRETCH OF ROAD BETWEEN 9 AM AND 2 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE EASTBOUND OR SAI KUNG-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN ANDERSON ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 200 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HIRAM'S HIGHWAY ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS BETWEEN 9 AM AND 2 PM. THIS PROHIBITION WILL BE INTRODUCED ON THE WESTBOUND OR KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN 2 PM AND 7 PM IN THE AFTERNOON.

THE EXISTING PROHIBITION ON GOODS VEHICLES USING CLEARWATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND ITS LOWER JUNCTION WITH CLEARWATER BAY ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED AT THE SAME TIME.

IN KOWLOON, TRAFFIC ALONG EASTBOUND SHEK KU STREET IN HO MAN TIN WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO SOUTHBOUND SHEUNG SHING STREET ALSO STARTING FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY.

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NEW PLATFORMS FOR LO WU STATION
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PLATFORMS AT LO WU STATION AS PART OF THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE SAID THE WORK INVOLVED CONSTRUCTION OF REINFORCED CONCRETE PLATFORMS AND SUBWAYS SUPPORTED ON STEEL BEARING PILES, AND PLATFORM CANOPIES.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT IS THE BUILDING OF THE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION WHICH WILL HOUSE THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OPERATING AT LO WU WHEN THE NEW STATION IS BUILT TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL BEGIN IN APRIL AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN JULY NEXT YEAR.

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ROLLER SKATING OPEN COMPETITION
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ROLLER-SKATERS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS AND TALENTS DURING A FIRST EVER OPEN COMPETITION IN MARCH AND WIN SILVER CUPS AND PRIZES.

THE 1982 HONG KONG ROLLER SKATING OPEN COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, WILL BE HELD AT THE ROLLER SKATING RINK OF THE FANLING PLAYGROUND ON MARCH 14 (SUNDAY).

THE COMPETITION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS - THE YOUTH SECTION FOR YOUNGSTERS AGED 10 TO 16 AND THE ADULT SECTION FOR PEOPLE AGED 17 AND ABOVE.

THERE WILL BE SIX EVENTS INCLUDING MEN'S SINGLE RACE, WOMEN'S SINGLE RACE, MIXED TEAM RACE, MEN'S FREE STYLE, WOMEN'S FREE STYLE AND MIXED DOUBLE FREE STYLE.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE COMPETITION ARE NOW OBTAINABLE AT THE RECREATION PROMOTION UNIT OF THE NTSD ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF FOUR SEAS BUILDING, 208-212 NATHAN ROAD- THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES SECTION OF TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AT +TOP COURT+, FIRST FLOOR, TAK CHING COURT, TUEN MUN- AND THE OFFICES OF FANLING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, YUEN LONG STADIUM, SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL, KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL, YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND IN TSUEN WAN AND THE SQUASH COURTS OF VICTORIA PARK ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RETURNED TO THE RECREATION PROMOTION UNIT OF THE NTSD BEFORE FEBRUARY 21.

ROLLER-SKATING, WHICH HAS SWEEPED MANY COUNTRIES IN RECENT YEARS, IS EXPECTED TO HIT HONG KONG FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF AN INDOOR SKATING CENTRE IN KOWLOON, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE OUTDOOR SKATING RINK AT FANLING IS OPEN TO ALL FREE OF CHARGE, HE ADDED.

IN ORDER TO TRAIN MORE SKATERS FOR THE COMPETITION, FREE COACHING SESSIONS ARE NOW PROVIDED AT THE SKATING RINK OF THE FANLING PLAYGROUND BETWEEN 2.30 AND 4.30 PM ON EVERY SUNDAYS UNTIL FEBRUARY 21.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, INCLUDING POTENTIAL COMPETITORS, ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE TRAINING COURSE FROM THREE LEADING SKATING COACHES.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN/CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR FIVE DAYS STARTING FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 11).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING.

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE FIRING PRACTICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
JANUARY 11 (MONDAY)	9 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 12 (TUESDAY)	9 AM - 9 PM
JANUARY 13 (WEDNESDAY)	9 AM - 6 PM
JANUARY 14 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 15 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 4.30 PM

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